SUDOKU ALPHA

QUICK **A5293** TRICKY **B5293**

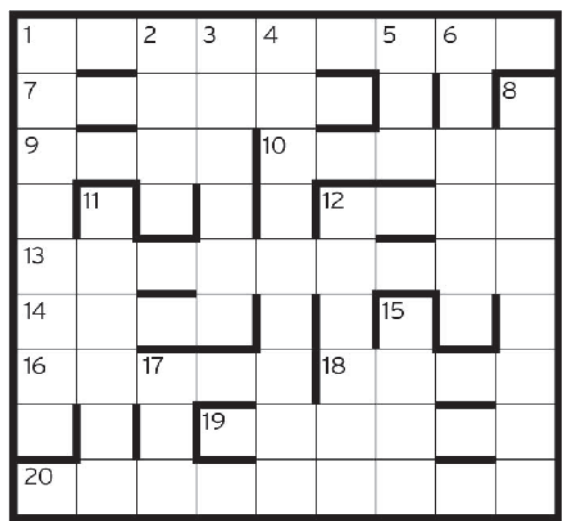
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	1			4			9	

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To solve this puzzle each 3x3 box, each row and each column must contain all the numbers 1 to 9. While the rules may be simple, there are numerous strategies to help you solve sudoku. For hints and information visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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CROSSWORD



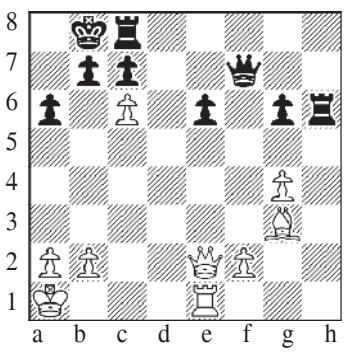
ACROSS

1 Exercise machine (9)
7 Crowd actors (6)
9 Parent's sister (4)
10 Without clothes (5)
12 Strong wind (4)
13 Our nephew (anag.) (9)
14 Greasy (4)
16 Evoking past style (5)
18 Indian garment (4)
19 Piece of meat (6)
20 Required (9)

DOWN

1 Combined effort by a group (8)
2 Italian volcano (4)
3 Blood vessel (6)
4 Perilous (9)
5 Irritate (3)
6 Stay under the radar (3,3)
8 Individuality or personality (8)
11 Purloin (6)
12 Visitors (6)
15 Charity event (4)
17 Facial twitch (3)

CHESS



WHITE WINS A ROOK

HINT: THE C7-PAWN IS PINNED!

Solution:

1. Qe3! (threatens the h6-rook as well as 2. Qb6! followed by Qxb7 mate).

TARGET



HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word.
No plurals or verb forms ending in "s".

TODAY'S TARGET

Good 12;

Very good 18;

Excellent 24 (or more).

Solution tomorrow.

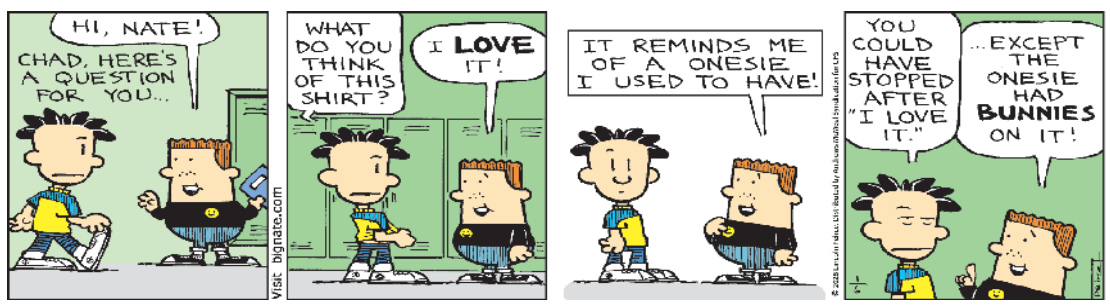
YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

BLOODYING

biology bloody BLOODYING bodily body bodying bogy bony boyo dingy doily dying goby godly goodly goody gooily idly ignobly loony lying nobly nobody oily ology only yogi yogin

THE METRO FUNNIES

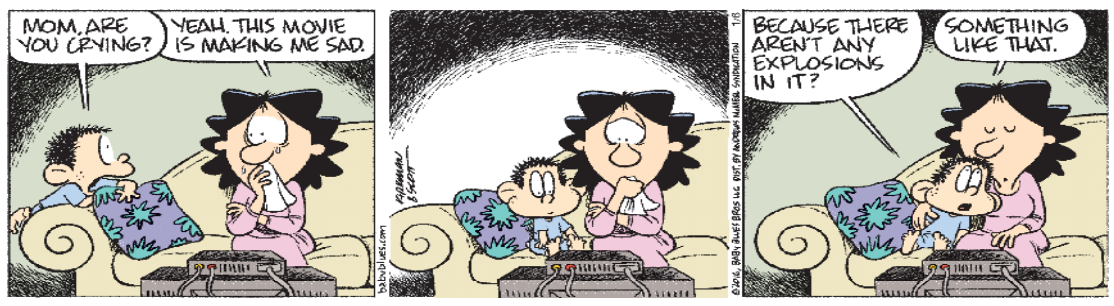
BIG NATE | BY LINCOLN PEIRCE



THE WIZARD OF ID | BY BRANT PARKER AND JOHNNY HART



BABY BLUES



WEATHER

Sunset & Sunrise

	Hyderabad	Islamabad	Karachi	Lahore	Peshawar	Quetta
Sunset	05:52pm	05:17pm	05:58pm	05:16pm	05:21pm	05:51pm
Sunrise	07:12am	07:10am	07:17am	07:01am	07:17am	07:25am

Three Day Forecast

	Today				Tomorrow			Day After		
	Min	Max	Outlook	Humidity%	Min	Max	Outlook	Min	Max	Outlook
Faisalabad	6	17	Partly Cloudy	81	4	16	Sunny	4	16	Sunny
Hyderabad	9	24	Sunny	54	9	23	Sunny	8	22	Sunny
Islamabad	6	17	Sunny	75	5	17	Sunny	5	17	Sunny
Lahore	6	16	Partly Cloudy	82	5	16	Sunny	5	15	Sunny
Multan	5	18	Partly Cloudy	84	5	18	Partly Cloudy	5	18	Sunny
Peshawar	4	18	Sunny	76	3	19	Sunny	2	18	Sunny
Quetta	-4	9	Sunny	69	-3	10	Sunny	-2	10	Sunny

Temperature estimates are internationally sourced and may differ from local estimates.

HELP

EMERGENCIES

Police Help	15, 99212652-53, 99212634
CPLC	1102, 35662222
Fire Brigade	16, 99215007, 99215008.
Bomb Disposal	99212674
KE Complaints	118
Telephone complaints	1218
Railway Inquiry	99213565-66
PCAA Flight Inquiry	99071284, 99071259
	99071265, 114

HOSPITALS

Abbasi Shaheed	99260400-09
Civil Hospital	99215740, 9215960
Jinnah Hospital	99201300-99201301
NICVD	99201271-6
Aga Khan Hospital	34930051
Medicare Hospital	021-111-001-786
Kharadar Gen Hospital	32510113-16
Indus Hospital	35112709
Tabba	36811841, 111844844
Ziauddin Hospital	35862937-9, 36648237-9
Kiran Cancer Hospital	99261601-04
Liaquat National	111-456-456, 34939615
Memon Medical	34691147 — 54
A.O. Clinic	36685564, 3668550-64
Baqai Hospital	36618396, 36618398
Holy Family Hospital	32258994, 32258991
Patel Hospital	111174174
South City Hospital	35374072
Kidney Centre Institute	35661000-10
Karwan-e-Hayat	021-111534111
Usman Memorial	021-36310311-15

AMBULANCE

Edhi	115, 32310066, 32310077
Chhipa	1020
SIEHS/Rescue	1122
St.John	32250500, 32250600
Red Crescent	35306227, 35306228

BLOOD BANK

Fatmid	32225284, 32258656
Husaini	32238405-08
PWA (Civil)	99215740, 99215959

WORD GAME

By Kathleen Saxe

▼ TODAY'S WORD

IDENTITY

(IDENTITY: eye-DEN-tih-tee: The distinguishing character or personality of an individual.)

Average mark 15 words
Time limit 25 minutes

Can you find 22 or more words in IDENTITY?

The list will be published tomorrow.

SOLUTIONS

▼ YESTERDAY'S WORD – LAZULITE

late, laze, lieu, lilt, lite, lute, lutz, alit, zeal, utile, tail, tale, tall, teal, tell, tile, till, tulle, etui

RULES OF THE GAME:

1. Words must be of four or more letters.
2. Words that acquire four letters by the addition of "s," such as "bats" or "dies," are not allowed.
3. Additional words made by adding a "d" or an "s" may not be used. For example, if "bake" is used, "baked" or "bakes" are not allowed, but "bake" and "baking" are admissible.
4. Proper nouns, slang words, or vulgar or sexually explicit words are not allowed.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

ACROSS

Gangsters, Osprey, Nigella, Diet, Elm, Detects, Aim, Acre, Inexact, Stifle, Hot-headed.

DOWN

Good faith, Asti, Gritty, Segregate, Eel, Rolls, Stammered, Acacia, Dingo, Rule, Eft.

METRO EVENTS

EXHIBITIONS



A group show of artworks by six artists opens at Art Scene Gallery at 6pm. Titled *It Didn't Go Away, it* will continue till Jan 12.

A solo exhibition by Aamir Habib opens at Canvas Gallery at 4pm. Titled *The Enterprise, it* will continue till Jan 15, from 11am to 7pm.

MUSHAIRA

A mushaira is held at Pakistan Academy of Letters, near Liaquat Memorial Library, at 3:30pm.

SESSIONS

A session on 'Money Talk: Financial Wellness Series 2.0' is organised at mini auditorium, EDC Campus, Iqra University, at 3pm.

A session on 'The Next Gen Management Insider: Global Practices and Human Leadership Orchestrates AI Innovation' is organised at Iqra University, Gulshan Campus, at 9am.



HOROSCOPE

By Georgia Nicols

ARIES | March 21-April 19

**** You make a marvelous impression on others today. In particular, bosses, parents and people in authority will see you as attractive, effective and capable. This admiration might promote a flirtation or romance with a boss or someone in authority. Tonight: Work.

TAURUS | April 20-May 20

**** Travel for pleasure if you can. If you can't travel far, then be a tourist in your own city and enjoy your surroundings. Even the smallest event -- a cup of coffee in a different cafe -- could be a pleasant new experience. If possible, see galleries and craft fairs to admire the art of other cultures. Tonight: Socialize!

GEMINI | May 21-June 20

** Decisions related to banking, shared property, inheritances and anything that you share with someone else will be favorable today. Recent disputes might be settled. Trust your ideas and especially your ability to communicate what you want to say. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER | June 21-July 22

**** Discussions with partners and close friends will go well today. Recently, you might have felt annoyed with someone. A little tension might have been simmering. Today the Sun is lined up with Venus opposite your sign promoting understanding and compromise. Tonight: Discussions.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 22

*** Check the Moon Alert today, especially regarding spending money or making important decisions related to your job. Today relations with authority figures and co-workers will go well. Previously, someone might have felt threatened by your determination, but today things are OK. Tonight: Take care of what you own.

VIRGO | Aug. 23-Sept. 22

**** The Moon moves into your sign today, which will give you a little advantage over all the other signs. You can test this by asking the universe for a favor. Make a request. Demand the advantage. See what happens. The world will tilt toward all VIRGOs today. Tonight: You win!

LIBRA | Sept. 23-Oct. 22

**** Solitude in beautiful surroundings will delight you today. You might enjoy time spent at home (most likely) or you might find inspiration somewhere else. If redecorating or doing something to beautify your home, be careful about being too extravagant. Keep your receipts. Tonight: Enjoy solitude.

SCORPIO | Oct. 23-Nov. 21

**** Conversations with others will be sweet and charming today because you feel sociable and friendly. Even financial discussions will go your way. Meanwhile, look about you, because your ability to appreciate your daily surroundings is heightened. This is a gift. Tonight: Friendly bonds.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 22-Dec. 21

*** Your focus is on money, cash flow, assets and possessions today, no question. Listen to your moneymaking ideas. They will be worthwhile. However, you might be inclined to extravagance or self-indulgence today. Don't fritter away your hard-earned cash. Tonight: You're noticed.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 19

**** Four planets are in your sign, and today in particular, the Sun is lined up with fair Venus, making smoothing your ability to schmooze with everyone. A new love interest might pop up in your life. Get out and socialize. It's a great day to buy wardrobe goodies! Tonight: Do something different.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 20-Feb. 18

*** You'll enjoy time alone in pleasant surroundings because you need to catch your breath. You might be concerned about shared property, taxes or debt. Whatever the case, pamper yourself in a pleasing way. Yoga, meditation or a walk in the park will ground you and make your day. You matter. Tonight: Check your finances.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

**** This is a lovely day to schmooze with others, particularly younger people or artistic, creative types. You might take hold of a project and direct things the way you want them to go. For some of you, a platonic relationship will turn romantic. Or perhaps a subtle flirtation will make your heart skip a beat. Tonight: Be cooperative.

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-so-so; 1-Difficult

CONTRACT BRIDGE

Bidding Quiz

By Steve Becker

Bidding a lot with a little

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 9 8 5 4 2
♥ 5
♦ --
♣ 8 7 6 5 3 2

WEST
♠ 7
♥ A K Q 6 4
♦ Q 9 7 5
♣ A K Q

EAST
♠ J
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ K J 10 2
♣ J 10 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 6 3
♥ 7 3 2
♦ A 8 6 4 3
♣ --

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♠	Dble
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble

Opening lead -- king of clubs.

This deal occurred during a national team championship played in San Francisco in 1981. The distribution of the four hands was certainly unusual, with two voids and three singletons scattered around the table. And, as one might expect, the bidding reflected the peculiar nature of the hand.

At the first table, South opened the bidding, after two passes, with a perfectly normal one-spade bid. West doubled for takeout, whereupon North jumped directly to five spades!

This was not intended as an effort to get to a slam; on the contrary, North was simply doing as much as he could to make it difficult for East to enter the bidding. From North's viewpoint, it seemed likely that East-West could make either a game or a slam in hearts or diamonds, and he was trying to make things as difficult as possible for them.

Both East and South passed five spades, and West doubled again. Everyone passed, and when the smoke cleared, South had made five spades doubled with two overtricks!

He ruffed the club lead and cashed the ace of spades and ace of diamonds, discarding dummy's heart. He then crossruffed diamonds and clubs until dummy's last two clubs became established and so finished with 13 tricks for a score of 1,250 points. All this was accomplished with a total of only 13 high-card points in the combined North-South hands!

Remarkably, at the second table the bidding, the play and the outcome were exactly the same, and the deal proved to be a washout!

Tomorrow: It's a very logical game.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTIONS

Quick — A5292

4	5	2	8	7	1	9	6	3
3	9	7	6	2	5	1	4	8
8	6	1	4	3	9	2	5	7
5	2	4	7	6	8	3	9	1
6	3	8	1	9	2	5	7	4
1	7	9	3	5	4	8	2	6
7	1	5	9	8	6	4	3	2
9	4	3	2	1	7	6	8	5
2	8	6	5	4	3	7	1	9

Tricky — B5292

2	6	1	9	3	7	8	5	4
8	7	4	2	1	5	3	6	9
5	3	9	8	4	6	2	7	1
6	5	3	4	7	8	1	9	2
9	4	8	1	5	2	6	3	7
7	1	2	6	9	3	5	4	8
4	9	6	3	8	1	7	2	5
3	8	5	7	2	4	9	1	6
1	2	7	5	6	9	4	8	3